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By TJ Burgonio





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'Mina' roars toward Bicol

Massive evacuation before storm called 'unprecedented'



"PREEMPTIVE EVACUATION": That has been the order of President Arroyo ... "Mina." Residents ... Albay ...

WITH "MINA" THREATENing to turn into a supertyphoon, tens of thousands of people yesterday streamed into schoolhouses, barangay halls and church grounds in the Bicol region to avoid its wrath.

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Committee hearings extended to make room for 'rectification'

THE SENATE HAS EXTENDED the committee hearings into the proposed economic agreement with Japan so that plenary debate on its ratification may well be held in the new year.



WHAT'S INSIDE

Who has final say on suspension of classes?

JDV preparing to go after ethics accuser

By Christian V. Esguerra

FULLY EXPECTING THE HOUSE ethics committee to junk the ethics complaint against him, Speaker Jose de Venecia is now considering filing a civil suit against lawyer Roel Pulido who filed the charges.

"The Speaker will go after him (Pulido)," said De Venecia's lawyer, Raul Lambino, in a phone interview yesterday.

He said the constitutional provision against the filing of a malicious complaint would be the basis of the Speaker's suit. De Venecia will probably also ask for moral damages, he said.

The De Venecia camp is convinced that Pulido's complaint, sent in the context of Pulido's failed impeachment suit against President Macapagal-Arroyo that mentioned the Speaker more frequently than it cited the respondent, was not legitimate.

Lambino said the ethics complaint could easily be dismissed on the ground that the committee chaired by Basilan Rep. Abraham Khalil Mayasao lacked jurisdiction over the case.

Under the House rules, the ethics committee cannot investigate any allegations of wrongdoing by a member of the chamber which did not take place in the present Congress, he said.

Pulido charged that De Venecia was liable for violation of the Code of Conduct and Ethical Standards for Government Officials and Employees when Congress, during his term in 1995 and 1997, awarded radio paging and broadband services franchises to the Multi-Media Telephony Inc., a company headed by his son Jose de Venecia III.

Finding the complaint valid in "form and content," the ethics committee gave the Speaker 10 days from Nov. 22 to reply to the allegations.

Lambino said De Venecia will not just raise the issue of jurisdiction in responding to the complaint.

"We are preparing a very exhaustive answer with all the available defenses on the issue of jurisdiction and cause of action and constitutional and legal provisions," he said.

"We want to prove that Pulido is really wrong, not just on the basis of lack of jurisdiction," he said, adding that De Venecia's "point-by-point" reply will be submitted either on Tuesday or Wednesday.

Another item in De Venecia's legal counterattack is the fact that Pulido supposedly never mentioned anything about any "disorderly behavior" on the part of the Speaker throughout the eight-page complaint.

Without this "very essence of an ethics complaint," Pulido has no chance of ousting De Venecia, according to Lambino.

If the committee investigation finds that he had filed a malicious complaint, Pulido could also be disbarred, he said.

"It is up to Speaker if he wants to file such a complaint," said Lambino.

Senate set to probe WB loan fiasco



VILLAR

THE SENATE WILL begin on Monday its investigation of the World Bank's suspension of a corruption-riddled $232-million loan to the Philippines despite belated claims by Malacañang and the multilateral lending body that the financing facility was still under deliberation and has not yet been deferred.

Senate President Manny Villar told dzMM radio that Malacañang and the WB were just "covering up" for the embarrassing situation.

"We have to accept the truth. Let us ask the President and the DBM (Department of Budget and Management) to clean this up," said Villar.

Probe panel

The probe panel will be headed by Sen. Loren Legarda, chair of Senate economic affairs committee, with Sen. Ramon "Bong" Revilla Jr., chair of the committee on public works and highways, as co-chair of the joint committee.

Legarda, Revilla, and Sen. Mar Roxas filed separate bills to look into the loan suspension.

Legarda said that the Senate should proceed with the investigation even if the WB decided to lift the loan suspension because of concerns on corruption that triggered the deferment.

"These are very serious allegations that need to be address. It's like the ZTE probe, we continued our investigation even though the project has already been scuttled," said Legarda.

Wall Street Journal

Two days after the Wall Street Journal came out with a story on the WB's suspension of the $232-million loan for phase two of the National Road Improvement and Management Program (NRIMP), the WB claimed on Thursday that loan was actually not suspended since it was still under deliberation by its board pending the report of its Department of Institutional Integrity.

But Villar maintained that the Philippines was "really embarrassed" by this issue which was triggered by the WB's fresh drive against corruption worldwide.

Legarda and two other senators—Sen. Mar Roxas and Ramon "Bong" Revilla Jr.—filed separate resolutions calling for a Senate inquiry into the WB loan.

Loan suspension

Roxas said there was a need to look into the suspension to avert what he called a "credit crunch" that could affect other foreign loans.

"The World Bank report is not a trivial matter considering the huge amount of loan funds earmarked for the Philippines' program (it funding at present 23 projects worth $1.28 billion) and the prominent role it plays in promoting anti-poverty programs," said Roxas.

"The Philippines should address this in a sober and systematic manner rather than being quick to put the blame of the alleged 'turf war' among top officials of the World Bank."

Conchita Gesmundo; 84

CONCHITA D. GESMUNDO OF BASTOS, Bulacan, mother of Philippine Airlines Corporate Communications officer Jose Ruiz F. Gesmundo, died on Thursday at the age of 84.

She is survived by her children, Carlos and Evelyn, Giovanni and Yolanda, Jonathan and Eddie, Ma. Conchita, and Maribel and Rob, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Her remains lie at Funeraria Paz, Araneta Avenue, Quezon City. Interment is on Sunday, Nov. 25, at Forbes Memorial Park in San Mateo, Rizal.

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Unanswered questions

Owners drop plans for hospital holiday after DOH concessions

PRIVATE HOSPITAL OWNERS HAVE dropped plans to hold "hospital holidays" following the Department of Health decision to provide additional assistance to hospitals to help them cope with the impending implementation of the Hospital Detention Law.

Health Secretary Francisco Duque III said at the sidelines of the Private Hospitals Association of the Philippines (PHAP) national convention and exhibition that the government has agreed to grant some of the group's request.

The DOH, for example, has included in the Implementing Rules and Regulation of Republic Act No. 9439 or the Hospital Detention Law, provisions that will reduce prison terms of violators to 6 months from the 20 years provided for by the Revised Penal Code.

PCSO assistance

The DOH has also increased the hospital or medical assistance of the Philippine Charity Sweepstakes Office (PCSO) to indigent patients to P100,000 from P20,000.

Duque said the PCSO will also provide private hospitals, particularly those in the provinces, with up to 250 ambulances.

PHAP spokesperson Dr. Rustico Jimenez said only one PHAP request—the mass accreditation with Philippine Health Insurance Corp. (PhilHealth)—was not granted by the DOH pending further study.

The PHAP had asked the DOH to reinstate its accreditation as one of PhilHealth's nationally accredited health care organizations so that member-hospitals will no longer need to get a separate PhilHealth accreditation.

Non-paying patients

The PHAP member-hospitals had planned to stage a hospital holiday in September to protest the enactment of the Hospital Detention Law which prohibits hospitals from detaining non-paying patients.

The group was planning to hold the "holiday" for two days each month until 2008 or when the government repeals the law.

The PHAP held off the action as they continued talks with the DOH to help private hospital owners cope with financial losses and other problems with the new law.

Ex-governor cleared of graft

Kidnap cases down, says PNP



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Good relationship



COJUANGCO: Infighting in the Marcos clique, was he a scapegoat?



AQUINO: My uncle and father had a good relationship.

Convenient scapegoat

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Danding son says Martinez claim a lie

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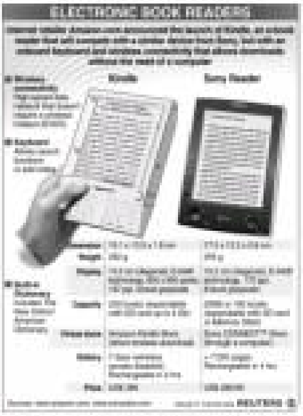
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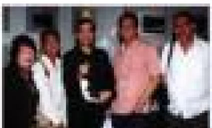
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MOLOCABOC • Villagers harvest fish from their catch in the sea during low tide.

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San Lorenzo Ruiz unites Iloilo Chinoy families



BICOL parishioners celebrate the feast day of the first Filipino saint San Lorenzo Ruiz in Tabaco City in Albay.

Across the NATION

2,900 used cars can't leave Subic

CITY OF SAN FERNANDO—THE SUBIC BAY Metropolitan Authority has stopped importers from withdrawing at least 2,970 used passenger vehicles out of the Subic Bay Freeport.

US bases can't hide on Mactan Island, says AFP officer

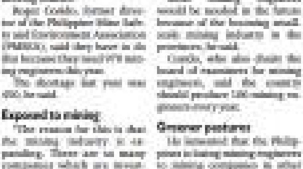
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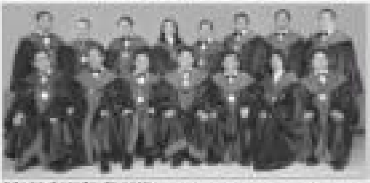
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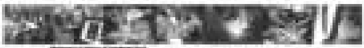






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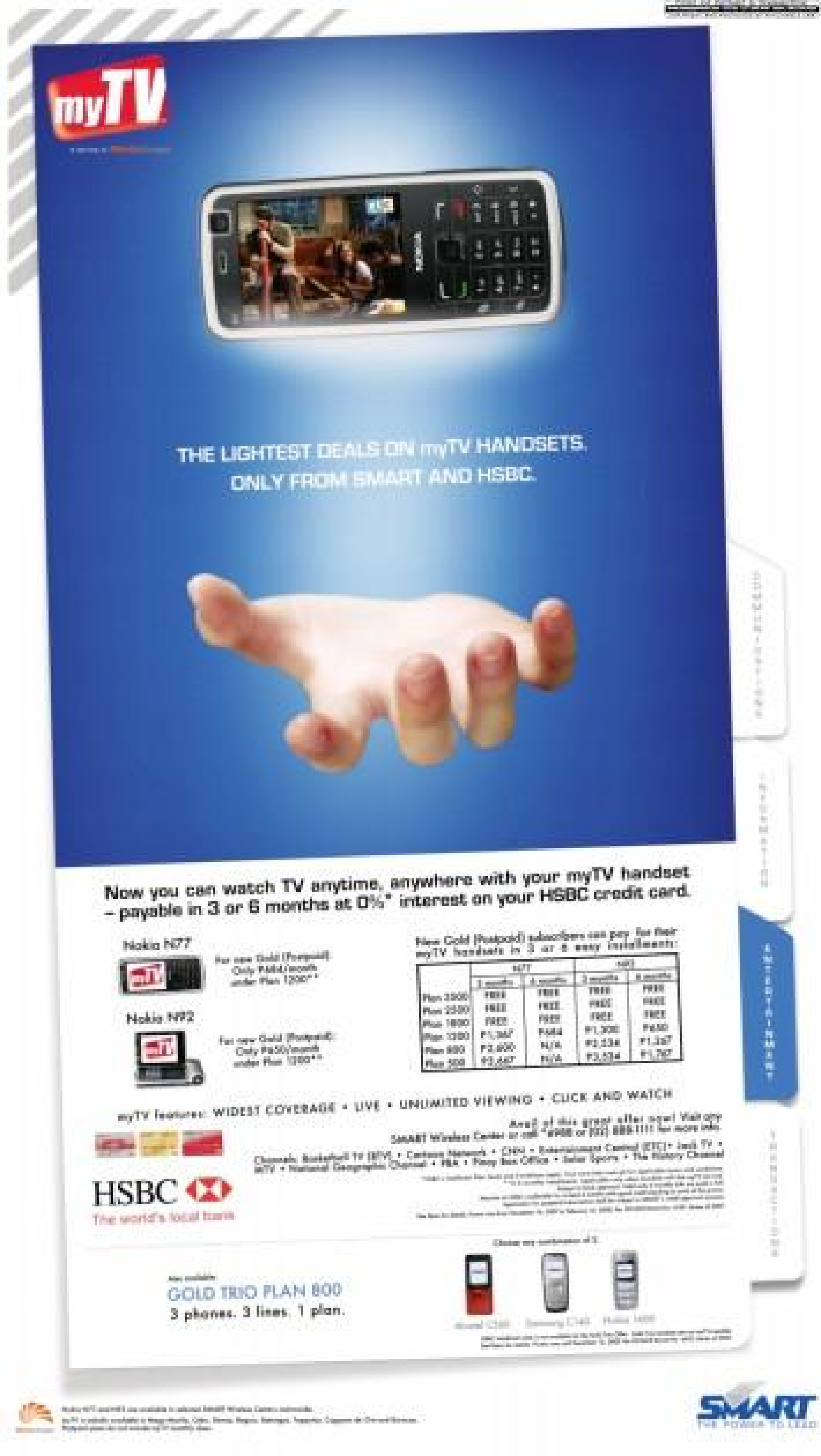
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By Allison W. Lopez



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THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE HAS ORDERED the filing of large-scale estafa charges against two Makati Medical Center doctors and two others for allegedly failing to return more than P28 million in investments in a corporation.

Classical jamming

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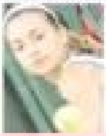
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Commonwealth suspends Pakistan

ISLAMABAD—PAKISTAN HIT BACK FRIDAY AT its suspension from the Commonwealth, saying it was "unreasonable and unjustified" and vowing the emergency-ruled country would not bend to outside pressures.

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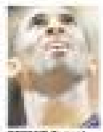
Bata, Warren aim for third straight wins

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CAN THE Big Three of the Boston Celtics—(from left) Ray Allen, Kevin Garnett and Paul Pierce—renew a meaningful rivalry with the Los Angeles Lakers and their Big Gun, Kobe Bryant?

Can Celtics, Lakers revive old rivalry?



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BUSINESS
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Businesses more upbeat in Q4

Good harvests, stronger inflows feed positive sentiment



PRESIDENT Macapagal-Arroyo prepares to ring the bell to signal the opening of yesterday's trading at the Philippine Stock Exchange. The President witnessed the listing of the additional shares of TKC Steel Corp. (story on page B3), which will operate a billet-making plant in the country. With her is Ben Tiu, chair of TKC Steel.

By Doris C. Dumlao

BUSINESSES HAVE TURNED more upbeat in the fourth quarter given the country's much improved economic fundamentals as well as expectations of stronger consumer demand and overseas remittances with the onset of the Christmas season, according to the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas' latest quarterly survey.

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DOE tightens monitoring of oil firms

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Only DMCI passed screening for ₱5.9-B LRT expansion bid

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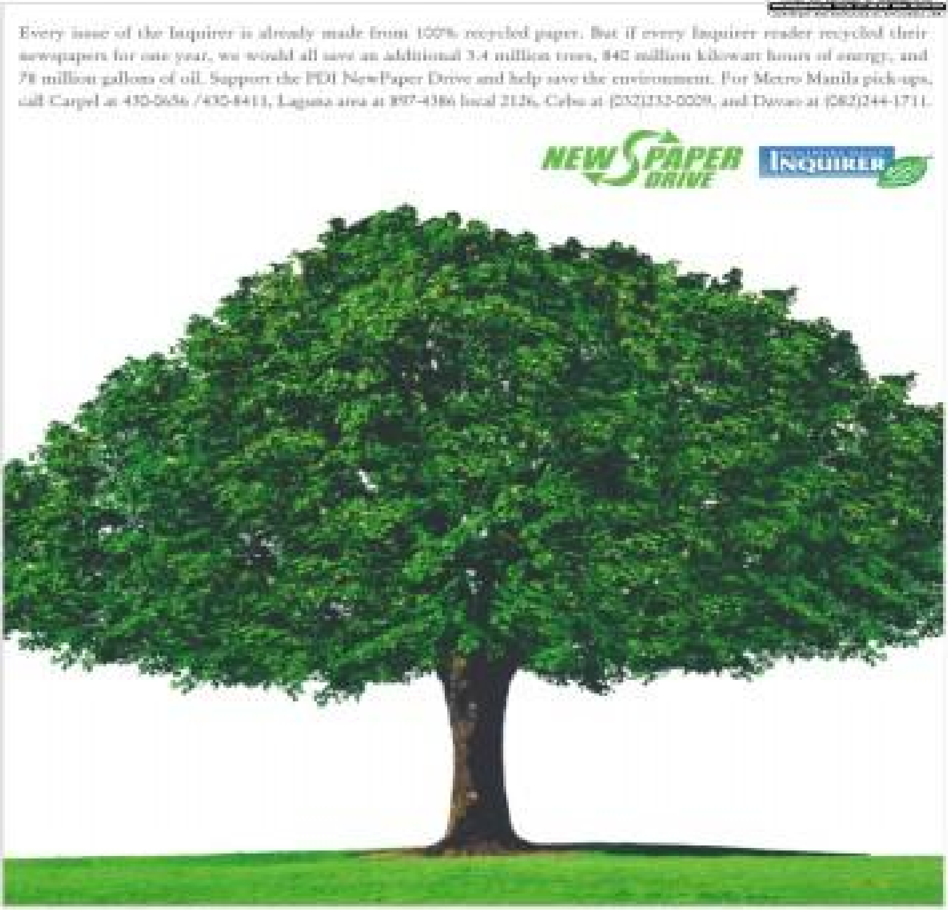
BSP: T-bill rates should ...

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year, when the BSP amended its SDA rules which transformed the facility into a more potent Fed tool.

Under the new rules, even banks' trust departments and nonbank state corporations can place funds with the SDAs and earn attractive interest rates. The BSP has likewise made these instruments eligible as compliance to banks' 50-percent liquidity floor on the portion of deposits and deposit substitutes required to be held in the form of negotiable and transferable government securities as a buffer in case of a bank run or heavy withdrawals.

Based on the latest BSP data, funds placed in SDAs have reached over P400 billion or almost double the liquidity mopped up using the overnight borrowings.


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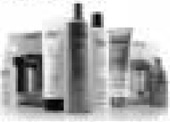


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Oral vaccine helps prevent Rotavirus



ROTAVIRUS KILLS MORE than dengue and AIDS among children," says Dr. Lulu Bravo, president of the Asian Society for Pediatric Infectious Disease. In fact, Rotavirus is responsible for the more than 4,000 diarrheal deaths among Filipino children.

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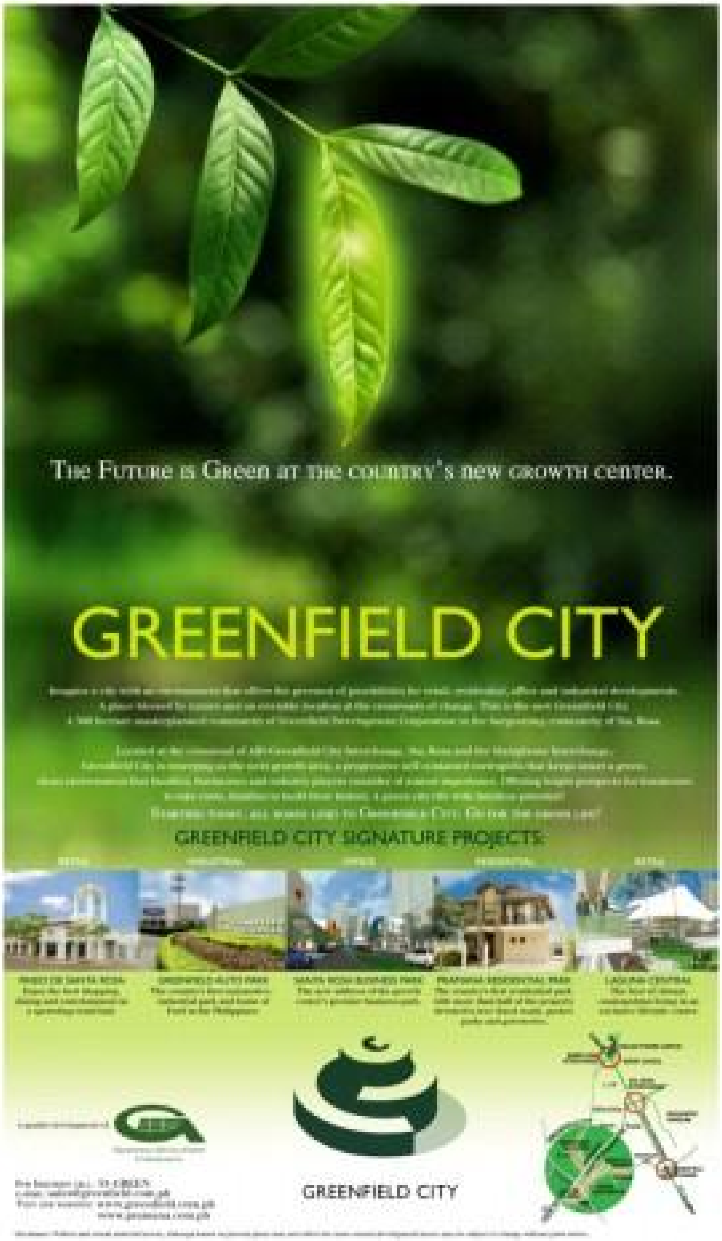
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When 'ready for occupancy' is nothing but a come-on

Buyers can get in touch with the HLURB to lodge their complaints







Amisa: upscale residential resort in Mactan







Antel Grand Village: OFWs' pick and best find





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The Beacon

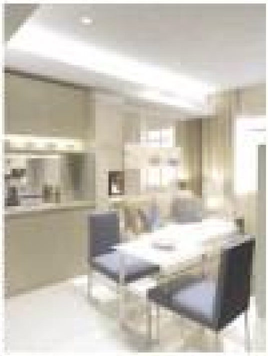
After being overlooked in the property frenzy that has swept the country's premiere financial district, Chino Roces Avenue (formerly Pasong Tamo) Avenue has now emerged as the latest real estate arena in Makati City where major mid-market developers are going toe-to-toe with their high-rise residential condominiums.

The renaissance of what has been widely held as the Main Street to Ayala Avenue's Wall Street offers property buyers a rare ringside view of how the various real estate projects stack up against each other in one location catering to the biggest market sector in Metro Manila.

And so far, the tale of the tape shows that The Beacon is head and shoulders above its peers.

The Beacon, a three-tower residential high rise development at the corner of Chino Roces and Arnaiz Avenue (Pasay Road) is built at better-than-industry standards with an impressive amenities package that sets it apart from the mind-numbing sameness which afflicts most condominium projects.

The Beacon unarguably has the best location among the vertical projects in the workingman's strip as it sits right smack in the middle of Chino Roces' commercial-entertainment hub (Makati Cinema Square, Creekside Mall, Tokyo Town, and Waltermart) with three major access ways - Don Chino Roces, Arnaiz (formerly Pasay Road) and Amorsolo.

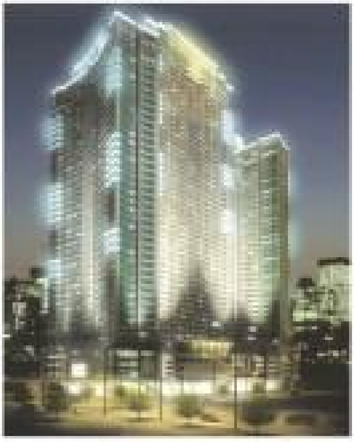


The project is just a brisk walk or a short jeepney ride away from schools, churches, hospitals, restaurants, shopping and business offices in the CBD. Being within walking distance from the main Central Business District, The Beacon is a practical choice for condo buyers who do not want to go through the hassle of driving and parking in Makati but need to be in the thick of the business activities there.

More than half of the units in The Beacon are studios that are designed with the upwardly mobile Makati professional in mind. These units can also be easily combined in a variety of configurations to suit the needs of almost any resident. The Beacon, despite its quality credentials, sells for up to 20 % less than the other addresses just one or two blocks away. Anyone can find a unit at The Beacon that can fit his or her budget.

For the uninitiated, all buildings are just a mix of concrete, glass and steel. However The Beacon goes beyond the conventional way of using beams and slabs to give its residents something truly special for a project of its class.

The Beacon has high ceilings (2.8 meters vs the normal 2.4 to 2.6 meters), wide hallways (1.5 meters versus the industry average of 1.2 meters), broad windows and well thought out floor plans for its studio, two-bedroom, penthouse and garden loft units designed to eschew the claustrophobic feel in other condominiums.



Each unit comes with elegant 600x600mm homogeneous tile flooring. The kitchen has a granite countertop with modular cabinets, an electric cooktop and ducted range hood. The bathroom has a shower enclosure in addition to all the usual fittings. Buyers get a number of color options that they can pick to suit their tastes.

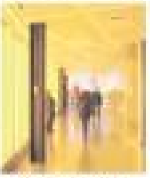
In a city with some of country's highest real estate prices, every inch of space counts and this was the mantra behind the Beacon's practical design and lay out.

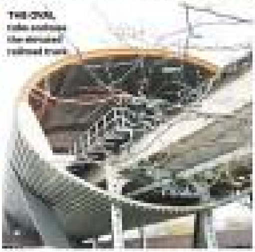
Working on a hectare of land, The Beacon's architects had more room to tweak its design to ensure that each resident has a spectacular vista of the cityscape and not just a view of the neighbor's window. All three towers will stand on a six-level podium ensuring that all units are above the adjacent Skyway ramp.

The Beacon's residents can also choose to chill out without going out of the complex. The podium's top floor has a wide range of amenities and a cozy clubhouse atmosphere, similar to those in residential subdivision projects. It has a resort-inspired 50-meter lap pool with sundeck decks and a wet bar. There's a children's playground with separate child and toddlers wading pool; a 300-meter jogging trail; a bi-level gym with massage and sauna facilities; a 20-seater private theater; and a meditation garden.

The Beacon also addresses other concerns of condo inhabitants. It has 3 high-speed passenger and a high-speed passenger/service elevators, a concierge staff to assist residents with their errands; a chamber maid service to clean rooms on a regular basis which allows residents to do away with hiring a maid; and a shuttle service which gives residents quick access to the offices and malls of Makati.

With its offer of practical living in superior style, The Beacon is a pound for pound, the magnet drawing residence for yuppies, managers, professionals, students and investors that make this side of Makati the new boom town. Visiting The Beacon showroom is worth the trip and an eye-opening experience.





Seeing cutting-edge cool by Koolhaas

DESIGN DIMENSIONS



Architectural landmark

Interior layout



PROPERTY

Editor Cesar D. Mangawang



Landscaping could benefit any space regardless of size

Text and photos by Charles E. Buban

IT IS A KNOWN FACT that landscaping can help make one's front or backyard more beautiful.

But more importantly, landscaping one's yard with plants can help minimize the bad effects of pollution as well as suck up heat from the air and release water vapor that acts as a coolant.

"A lot of homeowners tend to dismiss the importance of landscaping, with some of them even think that it is a waste of money. But for those who do, the rewards are priceless," said landscaper Lorenz Baes.

He said that even a front yard with limited space could still benefit from landscaping.

LANDSCAPING B3-4

The best air in life is free

LIVING ARCHITECTURE

Marcos de Guzman Jr

Continuous airflow circuit

Natural ventilation



Attaining perfect harmony, balance in the bedroom



Simple, practical tips

Owning a home made easy with Eton Properties' Home 838

Longer payment terms

Landscaping could benefit any space . . .



LANDSCAPING not only makes a home ... beautiful but also creates a healthy environment.

A way to go around

Koi pond



Movement and sound

Philconstruct '07 draws big crowd at World Trade Center

A very timely event

Working extra hard

Where to Stop Where to Go

Opulent chocolate impressions





A trove of tasty Christmas treats at The Richmonde Lobby Café

Hummingbird Cake at the Bellevue



G Hotel Manila by Waterfront turns one

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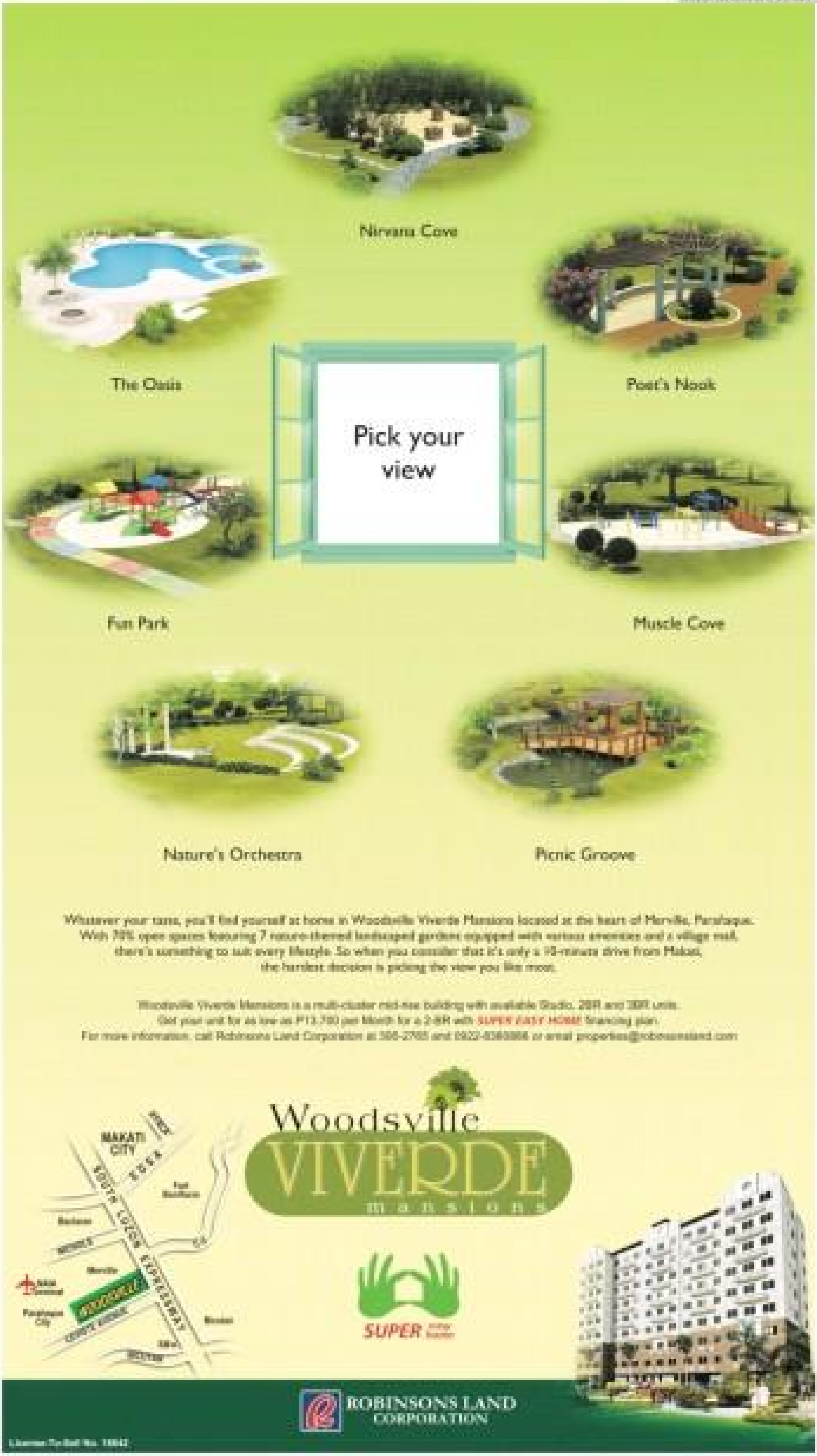


Paskong Pinoy at Palaisdaan Resto

Baccarat AsiaSpa Awards cites Chi, The Spa



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Whatever your taste, you'll find yourself at home in Woodsville Viverde Mansions located at the heart of Merville, Parañaque. With 70% open spaces featuring 7 nature-themed landscaped gardens equipped with various amenities and a village mall, there's something to suit every lifestyle. So when you consider that it's only a 10-minute drive from Makati, the hardest decision is picking the view you like most.
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Hollywood knocking

Hollywood knocking

IZA CALZADO IS SITTING ON THE make-up chair as the make-up artist and the hair stylist transforms her from a lovely young lady into a Hollywood star in the vein of Janet Leigh, Veronica Lake or Grace Kelly. Raymond Isaac has left his iPod on, playing dance songs to fill the studio.

Caster's Notes:

Producer's Notes:



ECHOES of Hollywood glam

Piggy Bank Travels

Five Cheap Bites Out of the Big Apple

In the city of soaring rent and unbelievably inflated prices, cheap treats for the foodie still abound



YOU HAVEN'T lived until you've slurped up a scrumptious soup dumpling at Joe's Shanghai

Shanghai Bites

Joe's Shanghai

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Hotdog Heaven

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Corn Ball

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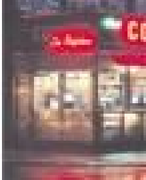
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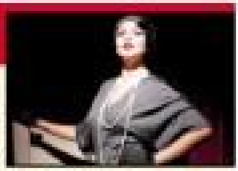
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La Esquina

106 Kenmare St. at Lafayette St., New York, NY 10012









Buttercup, Baby

Buttercup Bake Shop
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STUDY IN RED.



ALL THE KING'S MEN.



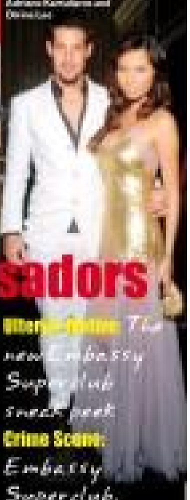
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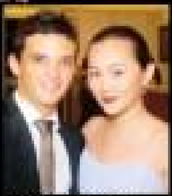
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Date of Release: November 20



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Carved in rock

Lessons learned from the school of rock history



MEMORY HAS NO USE TO sign out. The most outstanding moments live indelibly in the collective memories of those who experienced it.

And that is why this story of the scene's biggest night honoring rock music is brought to you by the very people who have kept it alive and legendary. Here are a few good rules to live by if you pledge your allegiance to rock and roll, as learned from the words and memory banks of the industry insiders, icons, heroes and heroes.

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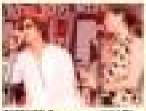


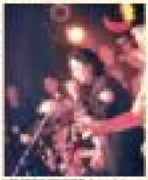
BOYS OF THE BASS. Louie Talan, NU Rock Awards 2006

Carved in rock



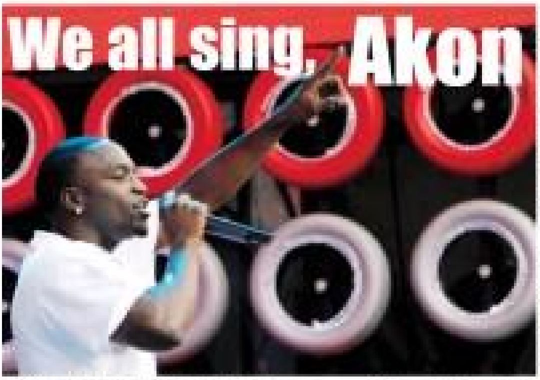






And the nominees are ...

We all sing, Akon

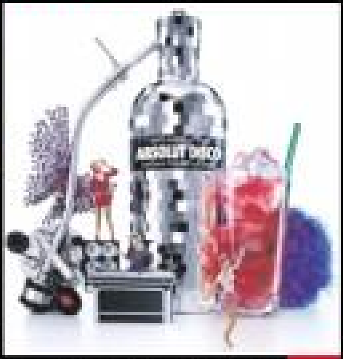


Super Selects

The A-list

Feel like an instant celebrity! Super gives a star award to these three picks







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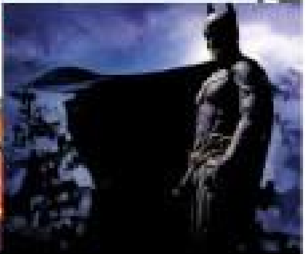


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LIBERTY LOST in "Cloverfield"





THUNDER ROAD



At the movies

A round-up of the Hollywood films to look out for (and stay away from)

THE COMING months are gonna be crazy for Hollywood.

[illegible]

PLAY ON!

Fun and Toys are childhood essentials













At the movies

From page E1

It's a shame that Hollywood films can never get over their fear of originality. There's too much reliance on big car explosions, sex, and slapstick humor in order to sweep gazillions of money.

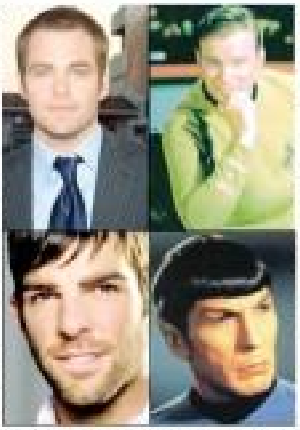
Has Hollywood really forgotten how to tell a story? Here's a shortlist of potential blockbusters coming soon to your favorite movie houses. You decide.

Shine a Light

Directed by Martin Scorsese, this documentary film spans the career of superband ... combined with superband, which is also hit The Rolling Stones. "Shine a Light" takes us backstage to get a first-hand look at all the rock and roll drama that occurred during the band's shows. The film includes historical clips, footage of past shows, and the band members' latest interviews.

The Dark Knight

DC Comics' Batman is back with this sequel to 2005's "Batman Begins". Ace director Christopher Nolan returns as well. Faced with roadblocks, the character Batman tries his best to continue his vigilante crusade. This new film found the character of criminal mastermind Joker on the villain's original look and attitude in the earlier comic books. The film also introduces a redesigned Batsuit, and the remnants of the Batcycle which will now be called Batpod. "The Dark Knight" stars Christian Bale (as Batman), Heath Ledger (as Joker), Michael Caine, Gary Oldman, Morgan Freeman, Aaron Eckhart, and Maggie Gyllenhaal.



BEAM ME UP. Chris Pine is James T. Kirk and Zachary Quinto is Spock in the latest "Star Trek"

Blindness

Based on José Saramago's 1995 novel, the film tells the story of an epidemic that blinds the modern city and pushes society to the brink of breakdown. Directed by Fernando Meirelles, "Blindness" is top billed by Mark Ruffalo, Julianne Moore, Gael Garcia Bernal, and Danny Glover. The film was shot in Montevideo, São Paulo, and Toronto.

Cloverfield

"Cloverfield" tells the story of a group of people who are trying to survive a monster attack in New York City. The film is produced by J.J. Abrams, the creator of the sci-fi popular TV series "Lost." In a press interview, Abrams explained how the character of this new monster was born in a toy store in—of all places—Japan: "We saw all these Godzilla toys, and I thought, we need our own monster, and not King Kong. I wanted something that was just insane and intense." Film buffs are speculating that Cloverfield is either a spin-off of Lost, or a live-action adaptation of "Voltron."

The Day the Earth Stood Still

A remake of the 1951 black-and-white science fiction film, "The Day the Earth Stood Still" is about a humanoid alien who warns our planet's leaders on the consequences of their reckless aggressions. Reflecting on politics and cultural fears on global annihilation, the film stars Keanu Reeves, Jennifer Connelly, and Kathy Bates.

The Curious Case of Benjamin Button

"The Curious Case of Benjamin Button" is adapted from the 1922 short story by F. Scott Fitzgerald. A 50-year-old man, played by Brad Pitt, starts to age backwards and further complicates his life when he falls for a lady (played by Cate Blanchett) who's 30 years his junior. David Fincher directs.



CASE CLOSED. Brad Pitt is Benjamin Button



The poster of the 1951 film.



SCORSESE SHOOTS THE STONES. The Rolling Stones in their recording



Revolutionary Road

Here's another adaptation—this time of the 1961 novel by Richard Yates. Directed by Sam Mendes, "Revolutionary Road" features Titanic's big three—Leonardo DiCaprio, Kate Winslet, and Kathy Bates. The film, set in 1950's Connecticut, is about the collapse of a couple's relationship as they move to a new town.

Star Trek

The eleventh in the science fiction series is currently in production. Based on the franchise created by Gene Roddenberry, "Star Trek" will be produced by Lost co-creators J. J. Abrams (who's also the director) and Damon Lindelof. The film's plot will focus on the first adventures of James T. Kirk (played by Chris Pine) and Spock (Zachary Quinto). This is gonna be good.

If you're tired of the usual movie experience, head over to Mogwai today and find out how LomoManila has given new meaning to the word film

Lights, (lomo) camera, action!

Lights! LC-A, Actionsampler, Supersampler, Oktomat, Colorsplash, Lubitel, Seagull, Pop9, Fisheye, Holga! Action!

By Paro Panse

BRACE YOURSELF FOR A DIFFERENT cinematic experience.

First there was the exhibit opening party, then there was the flea market. This week, LomoManila's Lomo Love Ten serves up a different kind of fun with Cinemalomo, a film festival featuring short films written, shot, directed and produced by local lomography enthusiasts.

The people behind the films used their beloved toy cameras to spin tales of life, love, loss and loneliness.

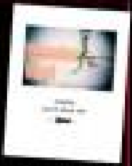
The event is in collaboration with Rock Ed Philippines. Rock Ed's Rock the Rehab documentaries will be screened at the venue as well.

On this page is just a sample of the lomo movies that you can watch today at Mogwai in Cubao 3 or 4 p.m., 6 p.m., 8 p.m. and 10 p.m.

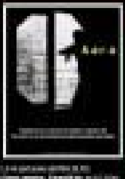
Don't forget to bring popcorn.









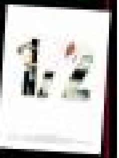






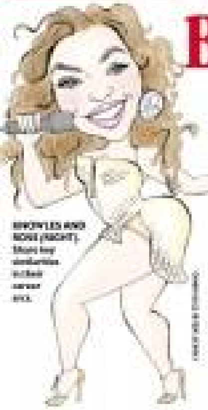








SATURDAY Special
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Beyoncé & Diana Ross compared

Beyoncé should periodically reinvent herself if she wants to 'grow old' in the biz

KNOWLES AND ROSS (RIGHT): Share key similarities in their career arcs.

By Moncar G. Torre

BEYONCÉ KNOWLES IS AT the top of the music world, setting records, winning awards, and starring in sold-out concerts all over the world. She has also established herself as a beauty and fashion icon, dazzling her cadres of fans everywhere she goes.

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Remarkable

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Iconic image

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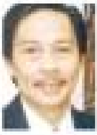
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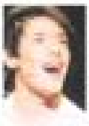
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DAY IN, NIGHT OUT

Fun trip through visual and performing arts yields rich results







Images

Techniques and themes

Significant step

Musical-theater talents



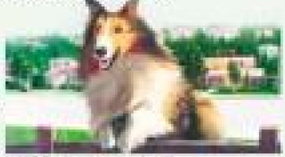
Dining with the President



STREET SMART

Second year

Canine charmers gave human celebs a run for their money



Welfare and protection

Sophisticated duo

Exceptional talent ...

Special attention

Grand Christmas sale at ManoMano





Allan Manalo

'The Kingdom'

Top singers spread hope and cheer in 'iDream'



Musical treats

Mainstream sensibility

Golden pipes

Crystal-clear alto

> *Exceptional talent is exceedingly rare*

Proficient work

Insightful work

Grand Christmas sale at ManoMano

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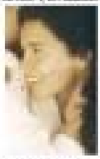


Parachute Band

'Mr. Magorium's Wonder Emporium'



'Big Help 2007'



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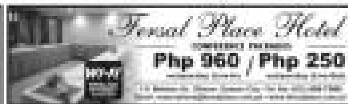
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Fusion of animation, live action brings Disney's fairy tale to sparkling life



"Enchanted"











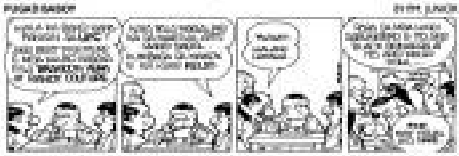
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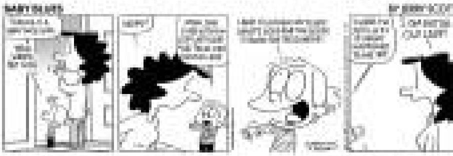
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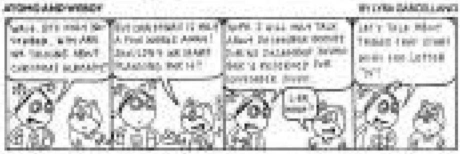
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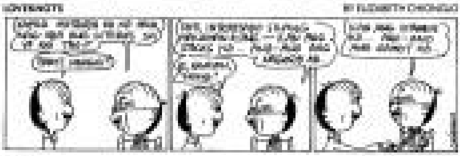
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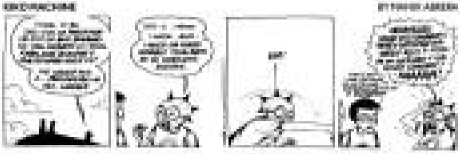
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By MANIX ABRERA



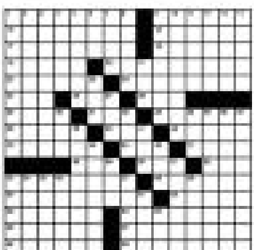
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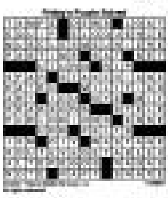


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CONCEPTIS SU DOKU

Conceptis Sudoku

By Dave Green

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Difficulty Level ★★★★

HOW TO PLAY SU DOKU

Answer to previous puzzle

Hilda-Jay love team remembered

By [illegible]

REACTING TO OUR RECENT "Directing Stars" article, some readers have asked us to share anecdotes about directing specific stars. Happy to oblige.

When we were tapped by [illegible] to write and direct our first Feature Film, we got to work with established Lea Productions stars, Hilda Koronel, [illegible] and Jay Ilagan.

Unique combination

Hilda was still in her mid-teens, but was already the toast of the movie world because of her unique combination of exceptional beauty and precocious acting ability. She was such a precocious talent that, despite her young age, she was already being cast in lead young adult roles in the romantic dramas that Lea Productions was known for in the '70s.

Directing Hilda turned out to be both a pleasure and a challenge. It was a pleasure because the young actress was disciplined and hardworking—and it was a challenge because she was too disciplined.

As a result, her performances tended to be too studied, and we had to work together to make her relax and unbend.

We also learned that, at the time, Hilda didn't know how to cry on cue, so we shared some "crying exercises" to make it easier for her to do so.

On the more positive side, we found to our great delight that Hilda's exceptional beauty could stand the most rigorous scrutiny. In one "transformation" scene, we instructed cinematographer [illegible] to take big close-ups of the young star's different facial features—eyes, nose, lips, etc., and her exquisite beauty passed the "test" with flying colors.

We also discovered that Hilda had another talent: She was great at "continuity"—meaning, keeping track of actors' costumes, props, poses and movements so that they would remain consistent even if shots were filmed out of sequence. So, we used Hilda as our unofficial "continuity girl" throughout the shoot, and we thanked her for that extra service.

Memorable recollection

But, our most memorable recollection of our movie with Hilda was the fact that it was during the shoot that she and her young leading man, Jay Ilagan, became (secret) sweethearts.

They had to keep their romance secret because Hilda's studio frowned on any romantic relationship for its teen princess. But, Hilda and Jay were able to fool everyone—that's how good they were as actors, even off-camera!

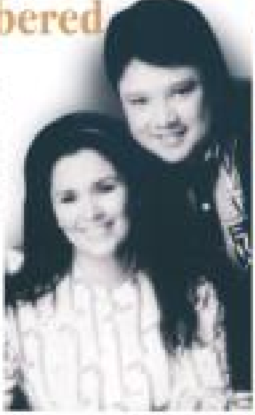
Speaking of Jay Ilagan, he was the local film industry's most talented teen actor in the '70s, and directing him was a breeze. Coming from the Ilagan family of theater and film artists, he had great genes and instinctively knew how to approach every role assigned to him.

He was also versatile, essaying very different roles (drama, comedy, musical, action) with ease and believability. Knowing this, we restricted our direction of his scenes to simple suggestions, plus a little tweaking here and there.

New discovery

Later, Jay would go from one [illegible] success to another, and his stellar future was exceedingly bright—until he gained weight. [illegible] Lino Brocka, to pull him out of "Tinimbang Ka Ngunit Kulang" and replace him with new discovery, Christopher de Leon. [illegible] "Maynila, Sa Mga Kuko ng Liwanag," where Jay was replaced by Bembol Roco.

Jay's loss was definitely Christopher and Bembol's gain. But, we submit that the industry suffered a great loss when Jay's stellar career lost its luster because it was deprived of his exceptional and versatile talent. Christopher and Bembol have their merits, but Jay was unique unto himself. [illegible]



KORONEL AND ILAGAN. Kept their relationship a secret.

Fusion...

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In Manhattan, Giselle runs into world-weary but seemingly single father, divorce lawyer Robert Philip (Patrick Dempsey), and his precocious 6-year-old daughter, Morgan (Rachel Covey)—who's only too happy to welcome the dreamy, doe-eyed stranger into their household.

The lovable tale has motives other than kindness, though: She wants to dissuade her father from popping the big question to his girlfriend, Nancy Tremaine (Idina Menzel) ("Rent"). Romantic lovers' confounding complexities and contrivances are the least of Giselle's worries—especially after the wicked queen decides to do the [illegible] job herself!

In a film season replete with satisfying but darkly brooding dramas and political thrillers, Lima's enchanting movie comes as a breath of fresh air. Narrated by the adorable Julie Andrews, Disney's latest rom-com seamlessly fuses animation and live action, and peppers its fun-paced exposition with toe-tapping song-and-dance numbers, winsome performances—and a good dose of light-hearted cinematic whimsy.

At the core of the movie is the superb Amy Adams, who won an Oscar Best Supporting Actress nomination last year and a Special Jury Prize at the Sundance film fest for her outstanding performance in 2005's brilliant "Junebug."

Giving Adams more than adequate support are two dashing actors with hard-to-resist charm: the dreamy Dempsey and the multitalented Marsden, who also shows off his soothing baritone in tunes created for the movie by Alan Menken and Stephen Schwartz. Take note, too, of Carrie Underwood and Jon McLaughlin's inspiring rendition of the songs, "Ever Ever After" and "So Close," respectively.

There's much to enjoy in the film—from the humor and animals that come to Giselle's rescue when they hear her call for help (through heavenly singing) to the engaging story's simple but valuable moral: Things don't always work out the way we want them to, but "happily ever after" and storybook endings can also happen even in the real world—if we work and pray hard enough for them!



Marian Rivera merely passes muster as Marimar

Anticipation

Demanding



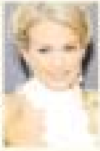
RIVERA: Too inexperienced to handle truly challenging scenes.



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'Idol' discoveries top American Music Awards

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UNDERWOOD (LEFT) AND DAUGHTRY: Won three trophies each.



Chance

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Double winner

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Debut album

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AT THE CINEMAS

Cinema	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
GLORIETTA 1	THE KINGDOM	BEOWULF	FRED CLAUS	ONE MORE CHANCE			
GLORIETTA 4	FRED CLAUS	THE KINGDOM	BEOWULF	SUPER BAD	THE GAME PLAN	ONE MORE CHANCE	THE NANNY DIARIES
GREENBELT 1	ONE MORE CHANCE	BEOWULF					
GREENBELT 2	THE KINGDOM	BEOWULF	FRED CLAUS	SUPER BAD	THE NANNY DIARIES		
ALABANG TOWN CENTER	BEOWULF	THE NANNY DIARIES	THE KINGDOM	SUPER BAD	FRED CLAUS		
AYALA CENTER CEBU	BEOWULF	SUPER BAD	ONE MORE CHANCE	BALLS OF FURY			
MARKET MARKET	ONE MORE CHANCE	FRED CLAUS	SUPER BAD	BEOWULF	THE KINGDOM		
TRINOMA	ONE MORE CHANCE	THE NANNY DIARIES	FRED CLAUS	THE KINGDOM	THE GAME PLAN / BOOGEYMAN	SUPER BAD	BEOWULF

AT THE MALLS

Glorietta

Greenbelt

Alabang Town Center

Ayala Center Cebu

Market Market

Ayala Museum

Tri Noma





‘Idol’ discoveries. . .

Blood and mayhem in lackluster actioner



OLYPHANT: Plays a sharpshooting assassin in “Hitman.”

Lorna Tolentino marks 38th year in show biz with OFW film





TOLENTINO: Wants to go the indie route.

Comedies

Durability

Pope Paul VI's visit to RP recalled



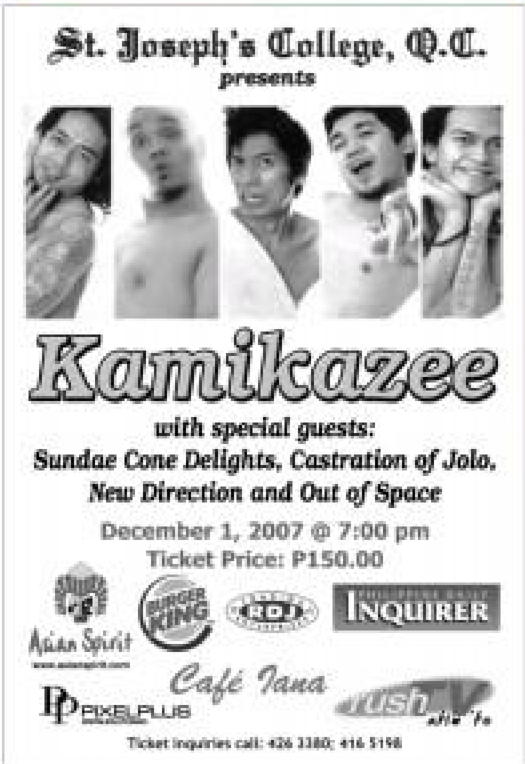
POPE PAUL VI: First pontiff to visit the country.

Assassination attempt

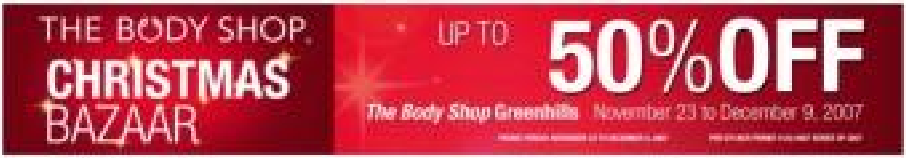
Encyclical

Blood and mayhem . . .

Plot



SATURDAY Special



Law, Caine represent two generations of British actors


LAW (WITH DIRECTOR BRANAGH, RIGHT): Looks forward to playing Michael onstage.

ONLY IN HOLLYWOOD


Ruben V. Nepales

Competition

Most fearful moment


CAINE: "I only compete with myself."





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GALLERIA

1 ENCHANTED - THX
2 ONE MORE CHANCE
3 ANIMAHENASYON
4 ENCHANTED
5 HITMAN
6 BEOWULF
7 GREEN PARADISE
8 THE NANNY DIARIES
9 GAME PLAN / LIONS FOR LAMBS
10 BOOGEYMAN 2

ERMITA

1 ONE MORE CHANCE
2 indieSine: TRIBU
3 ENCHANTED
4 GREEN PARADISE
5 BEOWULF
6 30 DAYS OF NIGHT
7 BOOGEYMAN 2
1 GAME PLAN
2 ENCHANTED
3 HITMAN

METRO EAST

1 BOOGEYMAN 2
2 ONE MORE CHANCE
3 THE NANNY DIARIES
4 ENCHANTED
5 GAME PLAN / LIONS FOR LAMBS
6 BEOWULF
7 HITMAN
8 GREEN PARADISE

NOVALICHES

1 ONE MORE CHANCE
2 BEOWULF
3 GREEN PARADISE
4 ENCHANTED
5 HITMAN

PIONEER

1 BEOWULF
2 HITMAN
3 ONE MORE CHANCE
4 ENCHANTED

STA. ROSA

1 BEOWULF
2 30 DAYS OF NIGHT
3 GREEN PARADISE
4 ENCHANTED
5 ONE MORE CHANCE

LIPA

1 ENCHANTED
2 ONE MORE CHANCE
3 GHOST SON
4 GREEN PARADISE
5 30 DAYS OF NIGHT

DASMARIÑAS

1 LIONS FOR LAMBS
2 BEOWULF
3 ONE MORE CHANCE
4 ENCHANTED
5 GREEN PARADISE

IMUS

1 GREEN PARADISE
2 BEOWULF
3 HITMAN
4 ENCHANTED
5 ONE MORE CHANCE
6 GAME PLAN

ANGELES

1 BEOWULF
2 ONE MORE CHANCE
3 ENCHANTED
4 HITMAN

TARLAC

1 THE SEEKER: Dark is Rising
2 APAT DAPAT DAPAT APAT
3 RENDITION

STARMILLS

1 ENCHANTED
2 ONE MORE CHANCE
3 GREEN PARADISE
4 GHOST SON
5 HITMAN
6 BEOWULF

BACOLOD

1 ENCHANTED
2 ONE MORE CHANCE
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1 BEOWULF
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Grateful to God

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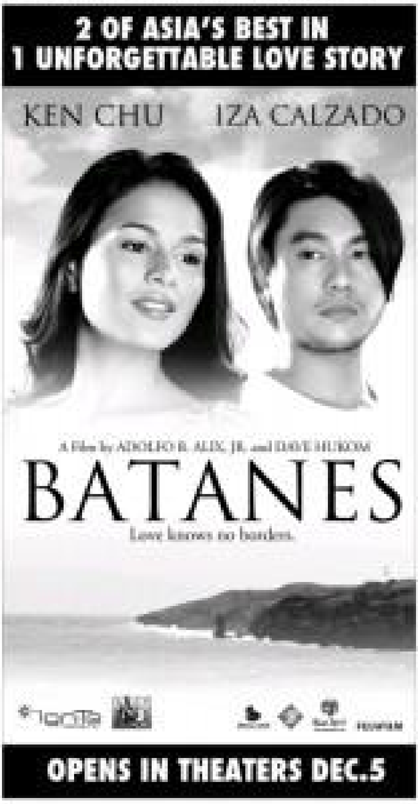
has been through ups and downs with my parents. My relationship with them was very public, and it turned into lawsuits at one point. All I wanted was for them to be just my family, not my managers—and to have that separation of business and personal life.

I have a wonderful relationship with them now. I dive into that subject matter on the title track, "Family." The song clarifies a lot of issues.

You've been in the public eye since you were 13. Did you ever feel there was a point in your life where you could have turned into a wild child?

Absolutely. I lived in LA from the time I was 13. I went to parties and hung out, so I had my wild moments. I was a teenager growing up in the business, but I had respect for myself.

Music was the most important thing to me, and I didn't want anything to overshadow that in any way. I do think my parents raised me properly. As big a hurdle as it was between us, I still respect them. AP







LeAnn Rimes gets personal in 'Family'



Latest project

Feelings

Formula